

SPILSBY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF SPILSBY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 27TH JUNE 2013 AT 7.00P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, FRANKLIN HALL, HALTON ROAD, SPILSBY

**PRESENT: - COUNCILLORS P.GRANT (CHAIRMAN), M.LENTON,
W.BAUGH, G.IREMONGER, G.WILLIS, G.RYMER, T.BEAUMONT, J.PEARS
(LEFT THE MEETNG AT 7.30P.M.)**

1) CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Councillors noted he had recently attended the funeral of Fred Panton and in conjunction with this, an event at the Aviation Centre in East Kirkby. He had attended an event at Eresby Hall and would shortly be attending a school fete at the Junior School.

2) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND REASONS GIVEN

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A.Cadman, P.Odling, A.Venables and County Councillor V.Ayling.

3) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 2000 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT

None.

4) MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 23RD MAY 2013

The notes of the Annual Meeting held on 23rd May 2013 were approved as the minutes and signed by the Chairman.

5) CLERK'S REPORT AND MATTERS OUTSTANDING

Meeting with County Council representative

A meeting with Councillor Ayling and the Council has been arranged for Wednesday 3rd July 2013 at 10.00a.m.

Re-investment of Council reserves

Councillor Beaumont reported on a meeting held with members of the Working Group and representatives from the NFU. It was felt the investment with the NFU was too risky and it was therefore recommended the Council invest its £20,000 in a one year Nationwide Bond. This was proposed, seconded and agreed.

Parking

Councillors were pleased to note Parking Enforcement Officers were regularly patrolling the Town to ensure all vehicles are parked appropriately. There was some discussion

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about use of the Boston Road car park which is often empty, following E.L.D.C.'s decision to start charging for this car park. This has also led to an increase in street parking along Boston Road.

Electoral Review of East Lindsey

The Local Government Boundary Commission is continuing its Electoral Review of East Lindsey and has published a list of proposed Wards. There is to be no change to the Spilsby Ward.

CCTV cameras

Councillor Lenton advised that wide angle lenses are currently awaited for the two new CCTV cameras.

6) EMERGENCY SERVICES

Sergeant Commins who was present for this part of the meeting introduced himself as the Officer who had been commissioned to deal with the current disorder and anti-social behaviour in Spilsby. Arrests have been made and the ring leader is currently in Police custody. He assured Councillors he would not let Spilsby get out of hand and that he would be attending all future meetings of the Town Council to report on matters within the Town. Councillor Beaumont asked if the Town Council could have a report of the number of successful CCTV images used by the Police during the past year. Sergeant Commins said he would supply this. Councillor Willis asked why the recent trouble in Spilsby had not been reported at a recent meeting of the Policing Panel of which she was a member. Sergeant Commins said he would ensure he attended future meetings to ensure everyone was aware of what was going on. Councillors noted a Shopwatch scheme is now being operated in Spilsby.

7) E.L.D.C./COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

There were no representatives present.

8) CORRESPONDENCE

A copy of the Lincolnshire Wolds AONB Annual Review 2012-2013 was made available for Councillors to read.

Councillors noted a copy of the accounts for Spilsby Poorlands Trust for 2012 had been received.

A letter from Lincolnshire Community Land Trust outlining the work of the Trust was read out by the Clerk. It aims to provide affordable housing for local people and a representative from the Trust is willing to give a presentation to the Town Council before any decisions are made.

9) PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

It was proposed, seconded and agreed to approve the following accounts for payment:-

- a. Welton Garden Services - £540.00 (contractor's costs for June)
- b. HW - £24.00 (payroll)
- c. Viking - £208.57 (stamps and cartridges)

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- d. LexisNexis - £75.00 (Local Council Administration - 9th Edition)
- e. Anglian Water - £56.00 (water rates for allotments)
- f. Anglian Water - £12.02 (water rates for cemetery)
- g. H.M.R.C. - £108.96 (P.A.Y.E.)

Several invoices from Tony Lawie Electrical Ltd totalling £1121.86 had been received. Councillors were concerned about the amount charged for labour and work carried out at the NFU which had not been authorised. It was agreed the Clerk and Councillor Lenton would look at the invoices in more detail.

10)REQUEST FOR FUNDING FROM THE FRANKLIN HALL COMMITTEE

A letter from the Franklin Hall Committee requesting a grant towards the secondary glazing and radiators in the Council Chamber was read out by the Clerk. Following some discussion, it was proposed, seconded and agreed to make a donation of £500 towards the improvement works.

11)PLANNING CONSENTS/REFUSALS

None.

12)PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A planning application by Lloyds Banking Group for consent to display signs at 4 The Terrace was deferred on the advice of Councillor Pears until the next meeting.

13)LIBRARY CONSULTATION

Councillors noted the subject had been raised at the recent Alford and Spilsby Area Committee meeting and that a Report was available to read on line. The Clerk reported she had received a letter inviting Spilsby Town Council to consider the options available to the Town. It was agreed Councillors Beaumont, Willis, Grant and Rymer would form a Working group to look at the proposals.

14)BEST KEPT TOWN COMPETITION

The first litter pick had been very successful and a second is to be organised. It was proposed, seconded and agreed to purchase a dozen litter pickers for use by the Town Council.

15)REPORT FROM TOWN COUNCIL SURGERY

Councillor Beaumont gave a brief summary of the issues raised.

16)REPORT FROM THE MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 12TH JUNE 2013

Spilsby Show

Councillor Willis said she would update and circulate the list of times Councillors were to attend the Town Council stand.

Matting for play area

Councillor Beaumont reported the wet pour at the bottom of the new slide had started to
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lift and that he had arranged a meeting with Neil Newby to look at the problem.

Christmas lights

Councillor Lenton provided a picture of the spheres which had been mentioned at the Amenities meeting. It was agreed these would look very nice hanging from the existing strings of lights and it was therefore proposed, seconded and agreed to purchase 11 spheres in 3 different colours, one for each string. It was also agreed to purchase another set of LED lights for the Church tree and 2 further sets for the Town's Christmas tree. It was also suggested the Primary School children might be invited to decorate the area around the tree this year.

Allotments

An appendix prepared by Councillor Lenton regarding the removal of sheds and all other items from a vacated allotment was agreed.

Parish Plan

It is understood the Plan is progressing having reached its third draft stage.

17)REPORT FROM THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 12TH JUNE 2013

Noted.

18)REPORT FROM THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 12TH JUNE 2013

Noted.

19)TOWN COUNCILLORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

It was generally agreed it was unfair for some Councillors to take on the jobs of others unless ill health or similar prevented them from doing so. Councillor Baugh maintained that whilst he was not allowed to wear shorts during the day on Council business, he would continue to attend evening meetings only. A discussion ensued about the Council's stance on this and it was agreed a vote should be taken to establish whether the Council wished to adopt a dress code. It was proposed, seconded and agreed not to adopt a dress code and Councillor Baugh said he would be happy to resume his responsibilities.

20)DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Town Council will be held on Thursday 25th July 2013 at 7.00p.m. in the Franklin Hall, Halton Road, Spilsby.

21)ANY URGENT BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION BY LEAVE OF THE CHAIRMAN OR ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

The Chairman asked Councillors to note that this year's Civic Service will be held on 8th September 2013 at St.James's Church in the morning.

Councillor Rymer asked the Clerk to arrange for the verges alongside the Franklin Hall footpath to be cut.

As there was no other business the meeting closed at 9.55p.m.

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